Go to http://apply.osa.org/prog/SENIORMEMBER

Click on "LOG IN" and select "Optica Login"

You will be sent to a home screen for your applications. If you have applied for a program within the system, it will appear here. If not, please click on "View programs."

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Please choose a program from our program listings page to get started

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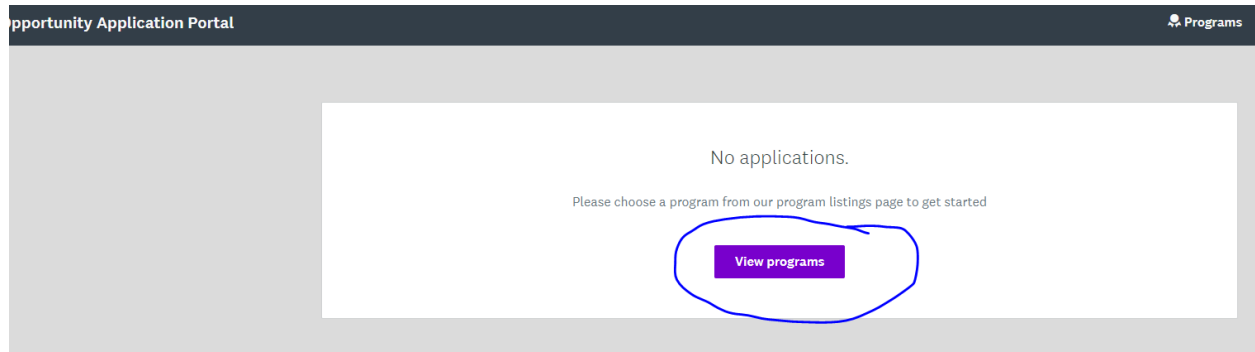
Find the Senior Member Program and click "more."

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Senior Member

Accepting applications from 1 Oct 2021 12:00 (EDT) to 28 Feb 2022 12:00 (EST)
Senior Membership is the highest distinction for which members can apply and reflects professional maturity and experience. It is a separate category from Emeritus Status. Members can self-nominate, or be nominated, for Senior Membership. For more information on the Senior Member Program, please click "More".

Individual applicants can apply.

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Congressional Fellowships

Accepting applications from 3 Oct 2021 00:00 (EDT) to 7 Jan 2022 23:59 (EST)
Congressional Fellowships are designed to provide a unique public policy learning experience, demonstrate the value of science-government interaction and bring technical backgrounds and external perspectives to the decision-making process in the U.S. Congress.

Individual applicants can apply.

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Application to form a Student Chapter

Accepting applications on 1 Oct 2021 12:00 (EDT)
Join a network of over 400 student chapters around the world and

Then click on "apply" to create an application.

This will take you to your application dashboard. Click on "nomination"

Since you are nominating another member, please click "someone else" and provide their name in the box below. Then click "Mark as Complete."

Next, click on "Eligibility"

Complete the three questions regarding eligibliity for the member you are nominating and then click on "mark as complete."

If you click on "back to the application," you can see a green checks on your completed tasks and tasks that need to be completed under "your tasks."

Click on "Contact Information" to fill out the next form with the member's information that you are nominating. Please remember that nominations for Senior Membership are not confidential. You can work directly with the nominee to obtain the necessary information to complete the designation submission. A student member is not eligible for Senior Membership and cannot serve as a reference.

Click "Mark as Complete" when done. Then click "submit" on the next page.

Next complete the "Upload CV/Resume" page

The CV/Resume can be in the following formats: PDF, Doc, Docx. Once uploaded, click "mark as complete." Next click on "request 2 recommendations" for the next form.

Two letters of recommendation from active Optica members are required to complete the application. An employer recommendation can also be included in the application. Sample letters can be found in the [Reference Guide](#) and sample email messages are provided to send to references on this form.

As the nominator, you can submit a reference letter for the nominee but it will need to be emailed to seniormember@optica.org

Unfortunately, the system default will not allow you to be both a reference and the submitter of the application.

Click on "request a recommendation" and the form below will pop up. Please complete for each indidvidual you are requesting a reference from:

Send recommendation

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To complete the your application, **two letters** of reference are required.

Active Optica Members must provide an endorsement statement in support of the member applying for Senior Membership. An optional employer reference can also be submitted in support of the candidate.

Please provide the name, email and a quick message to the person you are asking to be a reference.

Here is a sample message for a self-nomination:

"I have applied for the Optica, Formerly OSA, Senior Member designation. Would you be willing to write a reference letter for me? You can find out more information about the program here: https://www.osa.org/en-us/membership/distinguished_honorary/senior. Thank You."

Here is a sample message when nominating another member:

"I am submitting (member's name here) for the Optica Senior Member designation. Would you be willing to write a reference letter for them? You can find out more information about the program here: https://www.osa.org/en-us/membership/distinguished_honorary/senior. Thank you."

For more information regarding recommendation letters, please visit our Senior Member Nomination/Reference Guide.
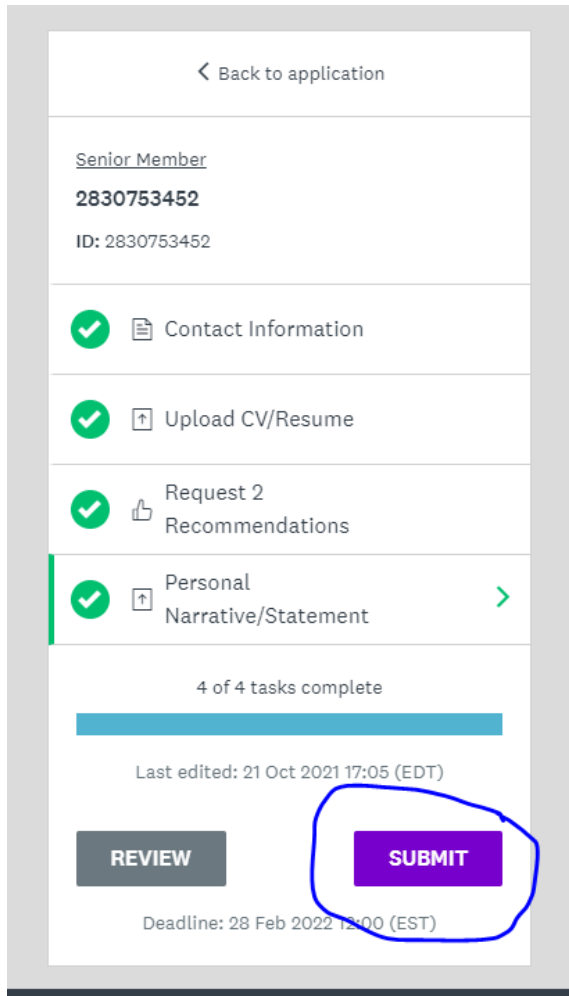
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You will see the two references listed that have been emailed and click "mark as complete." Next, open the "personal narrative/statement" form:

Accepted formats are PDF, Doc, and Docx. For examples of statements, please visit the Nomination Guide. Attach the personal narrative/statement for your nominee and then click "mark as complete."

All of the tasks and forms are now complete. Click "submit." You will then be prompted to review or submit the application.

Once you have clicked "submit" you can not change the application in the system. You would need to contact seniormember@optica.org to have the application changed once it has been submitted.
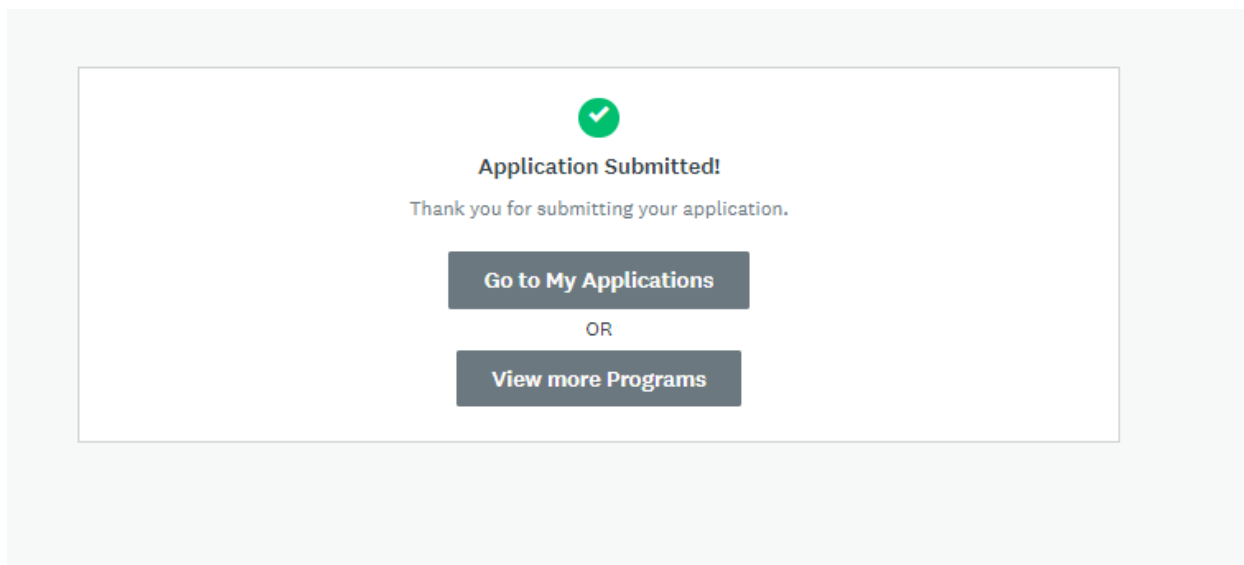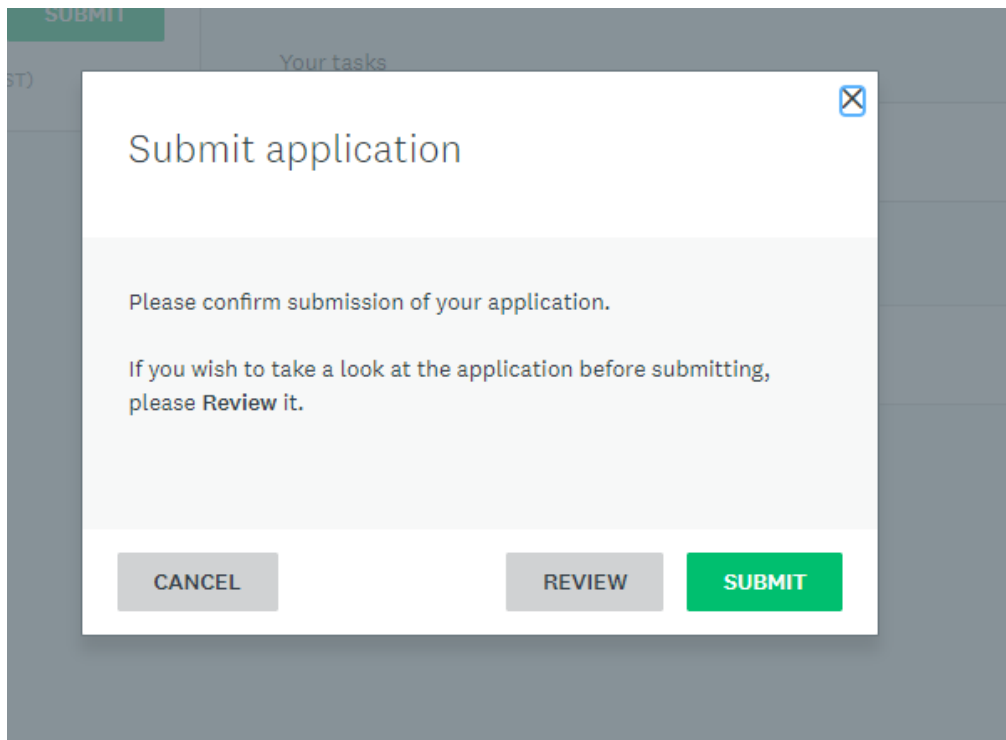
When the reference letters have been uploaded, you will receive the following notification:

Opportunity Application Portal

Dear Sara Bendoraitis,

~~████████~~ has accepted your request to provide a recommendation for your application, **2830753452**, for the following program, **Senior Member** .
Click the following link to access your application.

Thank you,
Terence Rooney

<mark>View Application</mark>

If the button is not clickable, please copy and paste this URL into your browser's address bar:

https://apply.osa.org/sub/25173088/